



Happy March to everyone. Spring is in on the horizon and vaccination efforts and lowering COVID cases is bringing hope to the new season. We continue to listen to all of our employees as we work our way out of the pandemic. I appreciate everyone's efforts and look forward to seeing all of you again when the process allows. I wanted to focus most of the bulletin on vaccination efforts.

Status of Vaccine Distribution Network

With new batches of vaccine that arrived last week after a temporary delay, and new vaccination stations recently opened in Lemon Grove and Otay Mesa, the County continues to make progress in reaching those in Tiers 1A and 1B with vaccines.

It was just announced this weekend that Johnson & Johnson's vaccine was just approved. This is the third vaccine approved for use in the US. Our hope is that UCSD will convert the location of their trial vaccine in El Toyon Park to another vaccination station, increasing the availability to National City residents. We will keep the public updated as we learn more about the Johnson & Johnson rollout.

Vaccine Tier Updates - Now Includes Public Safety and Public Works

The County of San Diego announced starting Feb. 27, they will allow those in emergency services (**including law enforcement, fire and public works**), child care and education, and food and agriculture (including grocery stores) to now have access to vaccines as well.

Click here for [information on how to schedule your appointment](#) and proof of eligibility if you work in one of those three departments. This includes supporting administrative staff and part-time employees in those departments.

The State also announced last week that starting March 1, they will set aside 10% of the COVID-19 vaccines each week to vaccinate teachers, day care workers and other school employees in the hopes of getting more students back in the classroom. The County of San Diego increased that allocation to 20% of their local supply for teachers.

Finally, the County also announced that people with [underlying conditions](#) in Tier 1C can begin signing up for vaccinations on March 15.

We will keep you informed as we learn more about the [ever shifting tiers](#) and availability of vaccinations for the remainder of our employees. You can also sign up to be notified of COVID information updates from the County of San Diego via text message by texting COSD COVID19 to 468-311. To date, over 777,000 vaccine doses have been administered in San Diego County.

Mobile Vaccination Unit



The Fire Department launched their mobile vaccination unit on February 11 in an effort to help bolster the County's effort to vaccinate our most vulnerable and mobility challenged residents. The unit has been a great success so far, vaccinating over 200 residents at area long term care facilities! Kudos to the Fire Department staff for their work in getting our residents vaccinated as quickly as possible.

As part of this program, we will be looking at opportunities to vaccinate our frontline city staff with any surplus that may exist on a rolling basis based on availability and the County's vaccine tier guidelines. Human Resources will be reaching out via email to frontline employees to ask whether they are interested in participating, if and when excess vaccines are available. I encourage all staff to get vaccinated when the opportunity arises.

Vaccine Appointments/Information

Information and details on COVID-19 vaccination sites are available on the County's COVID-19 Vaccine [website](#), including our very own MLK Center. Please sign up you and or your family members if you fall within the [Phase 1A or 1B tiers](#). If you haven't already, please register with [myturn.ca.gov](#). My Turn is where you can find out if it's your turn to get vaccinated and schedule vaccination appointments. If it isn't your turn yet, you can register to be notified when you become eligible.

Summary of March 2 City Council Meeting

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, the City Council received live public comment from the community for the first time via Zoom. Thank you to Luz, Shelley and Ron for making virtual comments a success! The process was well received, and we will be continuing to offer this option for future City Council meetings in addition to written public comment. Members of the public who wish to comment live must register by 4 pm prior to the start of the meeting. All staff that need to present to City Council must also pre-register as well. For more information on the procedures for public comments or meeting registration, please visit www.nationalcityca.gov/publiccomment.

The City Council had a long and productive discussion regarding the introduction and first reading of an ordinance to regulate commercial cannabis within National City. City Council proposed amendments to the ordinance and requested this item be brought back on April 6 along with additional information on commercial cannabis.

The City Council approved the submission of a \$7 million state grant application to add recreational amenities to Kimball Park and \$5 million for amenities at El Toyon Park. Kimball Park improvements will include renovations to the existing recreation center, shared use paths, solar lighting, dog park, dugout, community garden, and basketball courts. El Toyon Park improvements include the construction and/or renovation of: new shared use paths, shade structures, sports lighting, resurfacing the artificial turf sports field, dog park, new scoreboard, community garden, children play structure, community event area, pickleball courts, basketball courts, tennis courts, and park lighting. We will be notified this summer whether we are awarded

these funds to transform both parks. Thank you to Megan, Audrey, Roberto and Tony for their work on crafting these applications.

March Birthdays

Help me send a birthday wish to the 28 employees celebrating their birthdays this month!

Please take a moment to reach out and wish them a very happy & healthy day. [March Birthday List](#)